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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6736

BILL NUMBER: SB 227

NOTE PREPARED: Apr 15, 2003

BILL AMENDED: Apr 3, 2003

SUBJECT: Foster Parents and Juvenile Proceedings.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Long

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Klinker

BILL STATUS: As Passed - House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill entitles a long term foster parent to intervene as a party in a proceeding for the periodic review of a dispositional decree involving a child in need of services.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill changes the notification requirements to foster parents and long term foster parents for periodic case reviews. Under current statutory requirements, the foster parent may be notified either via certified mail or face-to-face contact by the county Office of Family and Children caseworker. This bill changes this requirement to follow the Indiana Trial Rule 4.1 requirements. This requires that notice be sent via certified mail, return receipt requested. FSSA staff state that even though statutory requirements afford two notification options, the current agency practice is to send a notification via certified mail, return receipt requested, even if there is face to face contact. Thus, it is anticipated that this bill will not add any time or cost to the current process.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: FSSA, Division of Family and Children.

Local Agencies Affected:

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